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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Department of Justice:

Regarding the Settlement with Microsoft, please hear my voice.

I feel this Microsoft settlement is a bad idea and in the poorest taste. The egregious abuses by Microsoft in the past and present have destroyed more than just a few promising small businesses. Microsoft is a predatory entity and has destroyed and prevented more innovation than ever they brought to the light of day. They also continue to play very shady and unethical if not illegal games (e.g. the Kerberos protocol) with many entities who are the real source of so many innovative ideas which power the modern computing world.

The Settlement as it stands does not really address the problems of predatory behaviour by Microsoft in the past and present, neither punishing nor preventing future abuses.

I realize that not every question has an easy answer, however, I feel that neither the issues involved in this case, nor Microsoft's guilt/liability have been adequately judged. Please, as the official judicial center of the nation our government stands to protect, do not let Microsoft off with the slap-on-the-wrist settlement that has been proposed. It is inadequate.

Sincerely, voter and American,
George Mealer.